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US Army Patient Safety Center

Johns Hopkins Fall Assessment Tool

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Background

- All patients regardless of age are at an increased risk for falling in a hospital setting. Fall and injury prevention continues to be a considerable challenge across the care continuum.
  - Injuries from falls are the 6th most commonly reported sentinel event
  - MEDCOM 2010 data revealed 599 inpatient falls; 69 falls resulted in harm

Purpose

- To standardize endorsed evidence based fall risk assessment tools across all Army Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) that provide inpatient nursing care in the electronic medical record (Essentris).
  - In collaboration with the Patient Caring Touch initiative
  - Implementation of tools recommended by the Falls Working Group (Nov 2009) and purchased by the MEDCOM Patient Safety Center

Goal

- Decrease patient fall events and harmful injuries
- Decrease variation in assessment, interventions, procedures and documentation of falls risk and increase prevention of falls across Army MTFs.

The Johns Hopkins Adult Fall Risk Assessment Tool

- Stratifies patient interventions based on low, moderate and high risk for falls.
  - Low: 5 points or less
  - Moderate: 6-12 points
  - High: 13 points or greater
- Interventions populated for each risk category.

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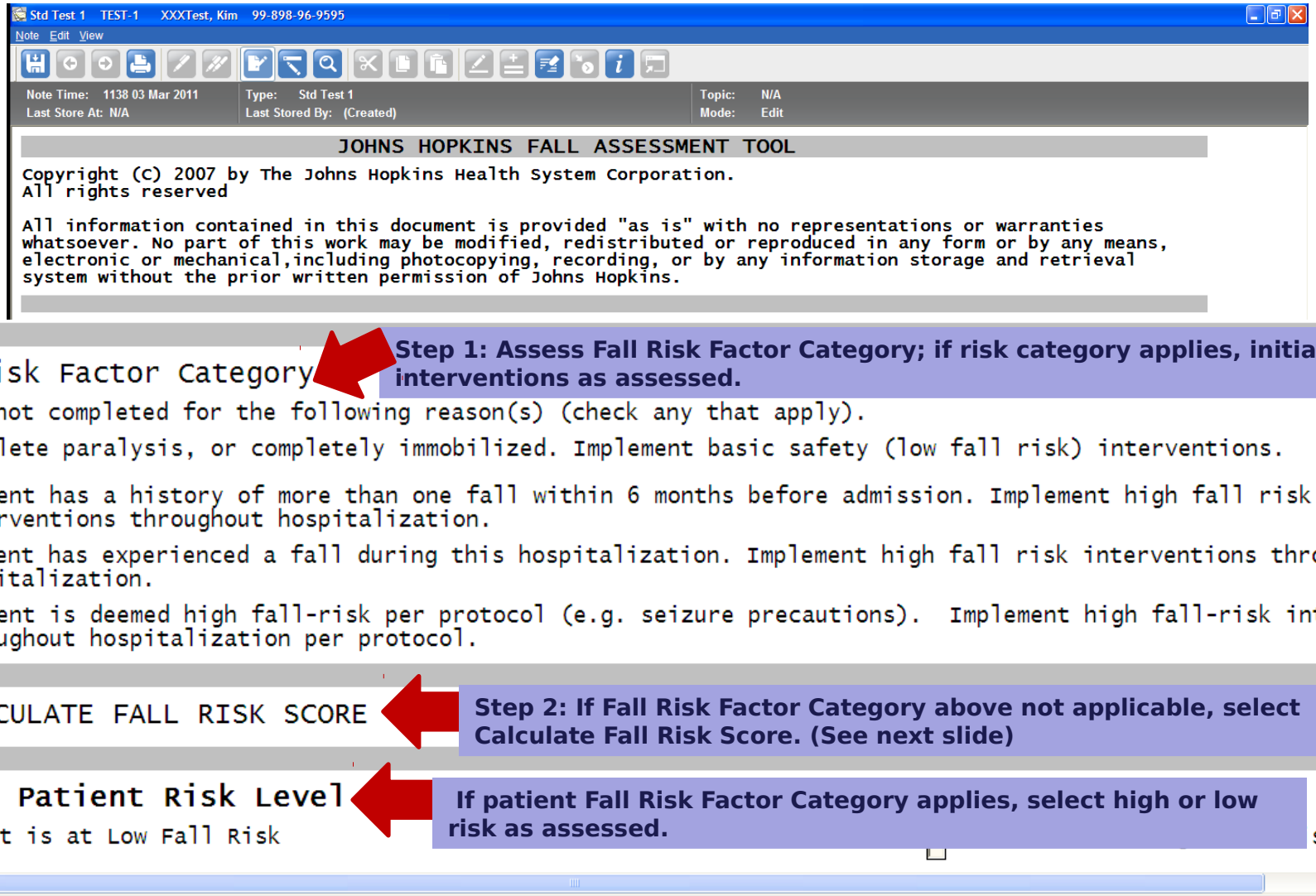
Fall Assessment Tool
Essentris Documentation

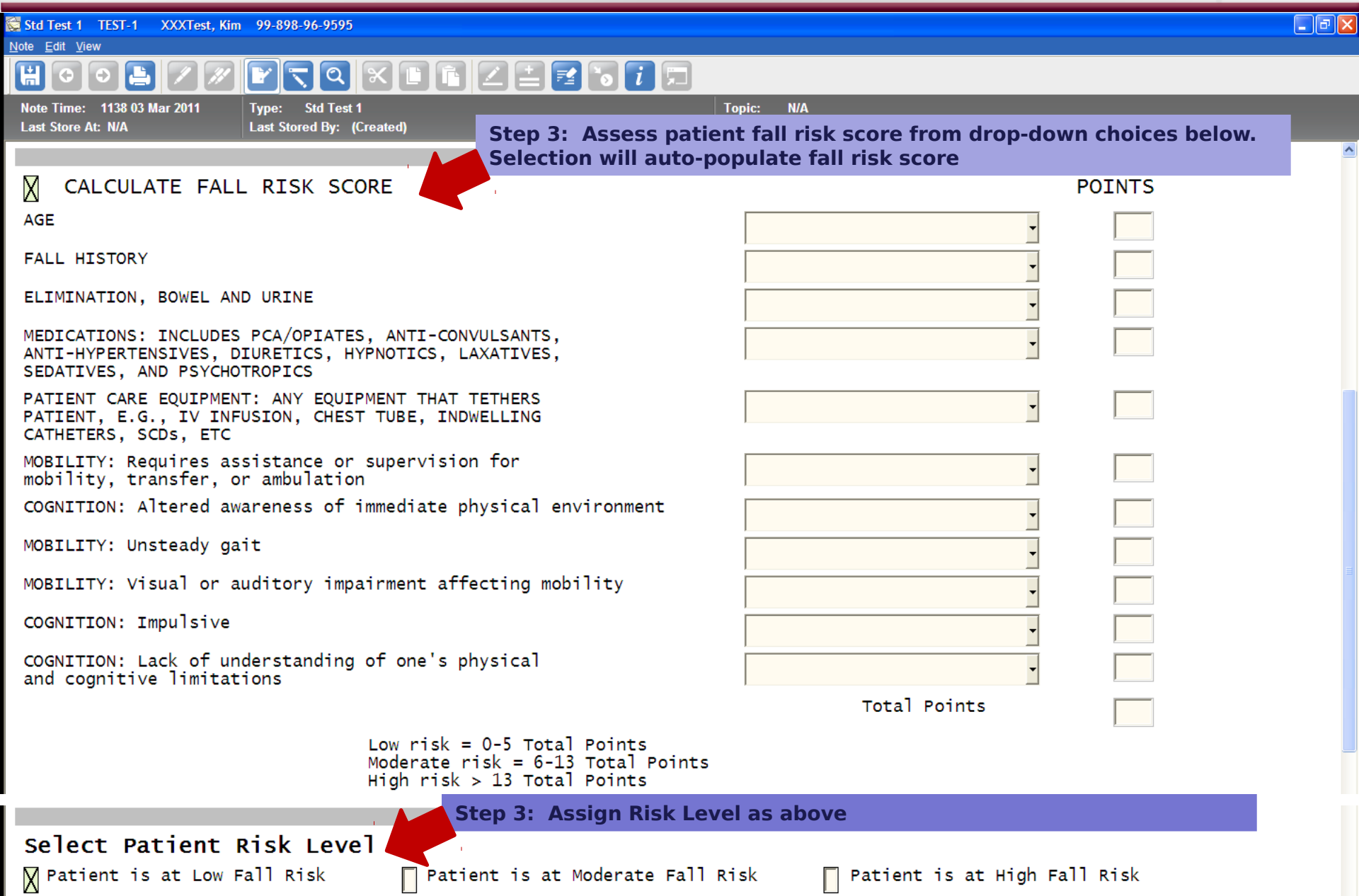
Main Screen, includes Fall Risk Factor Category

Select "Patient is at Low Fall Risk" below or "Patient is at High Fall Risk" below



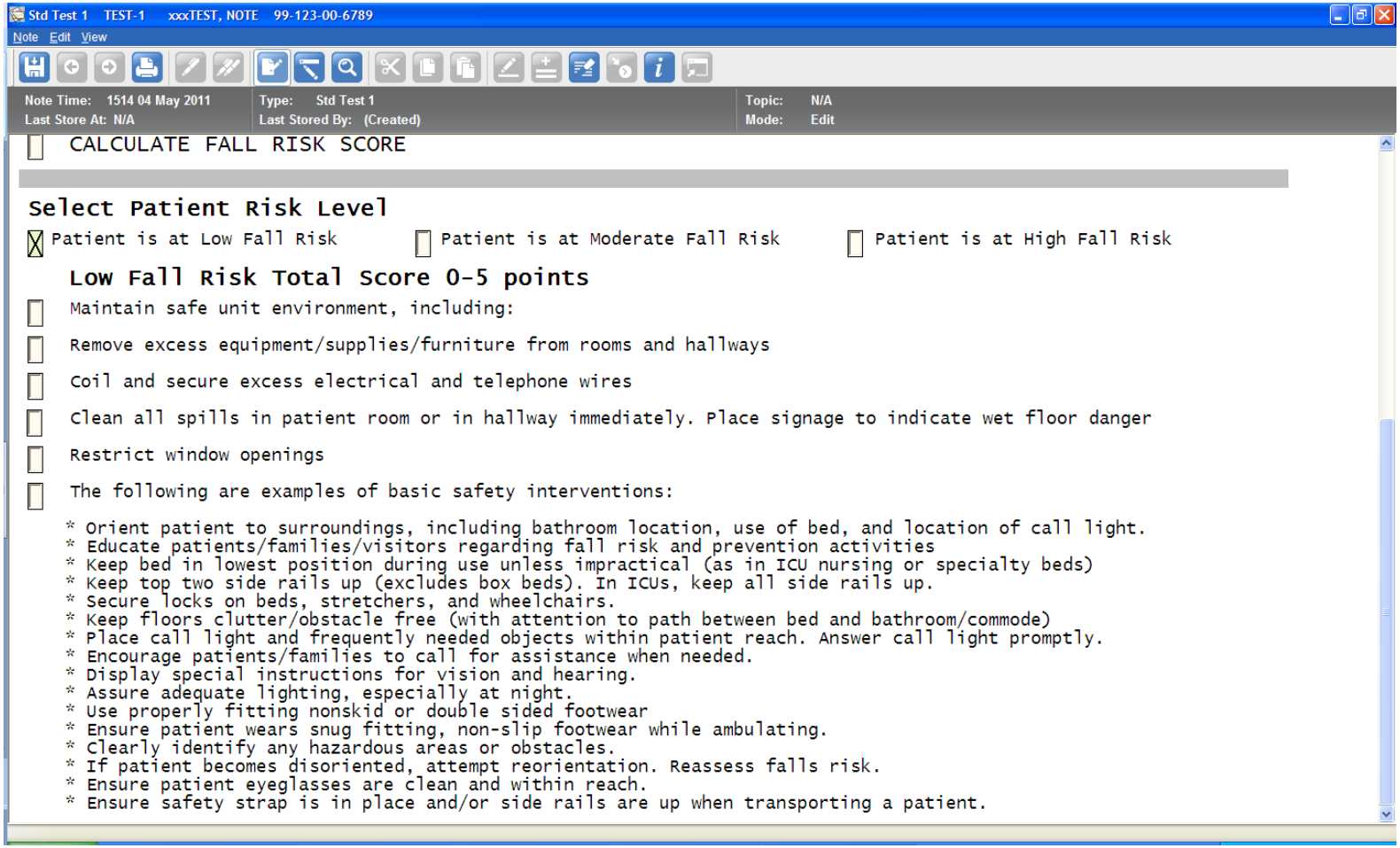
Calculate Fall Risk Score

Based on Total Points: select “Patient is at Low Fall Risk”, “Patient is at Moderate Fall Risk” or “Patient is at High Fall Risk”



Low Fall Risk Interventions

Expanded view of low risk interventions, document as appropriate.



Moderate Fall Risk Interventions

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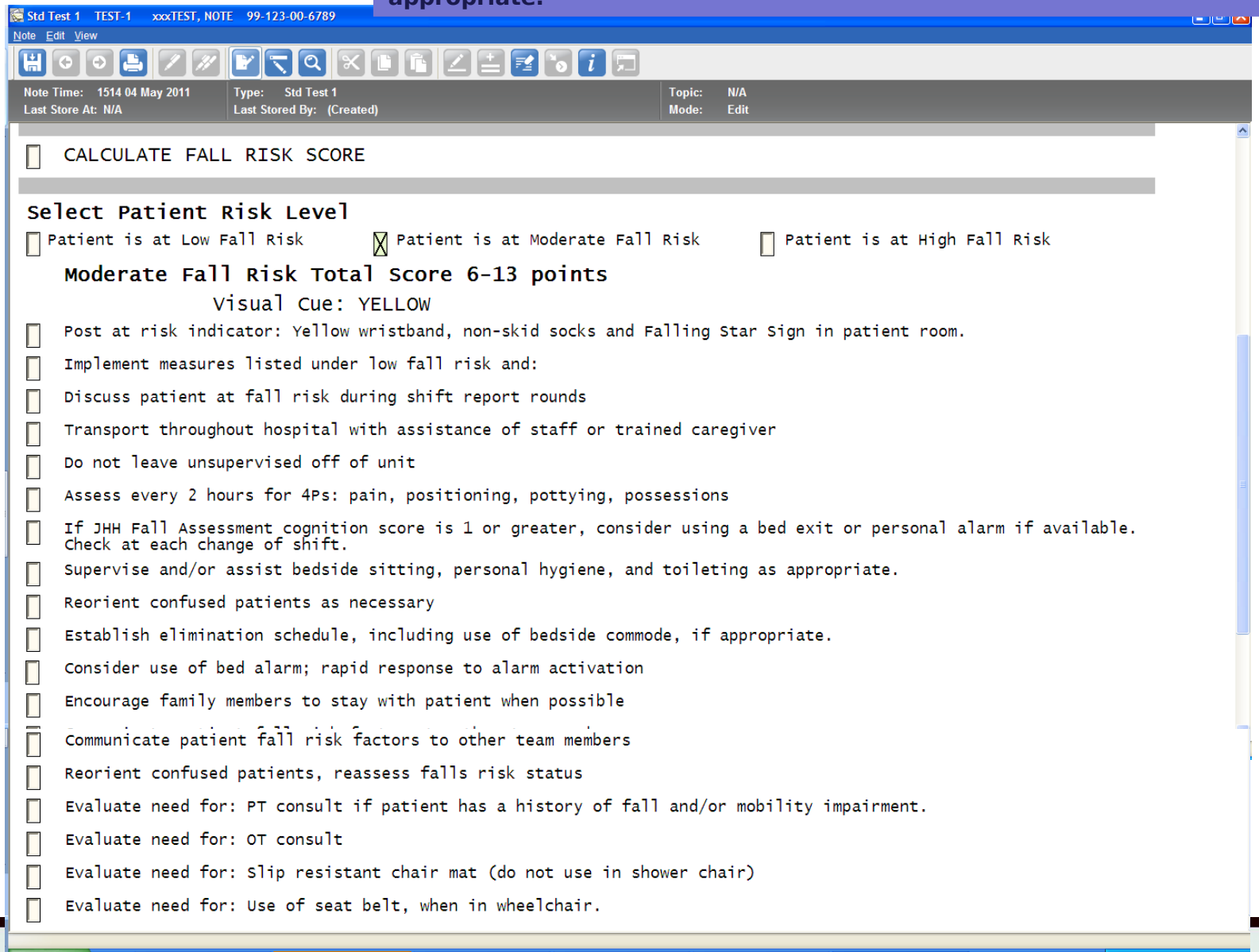

High Fall Risk Interventions

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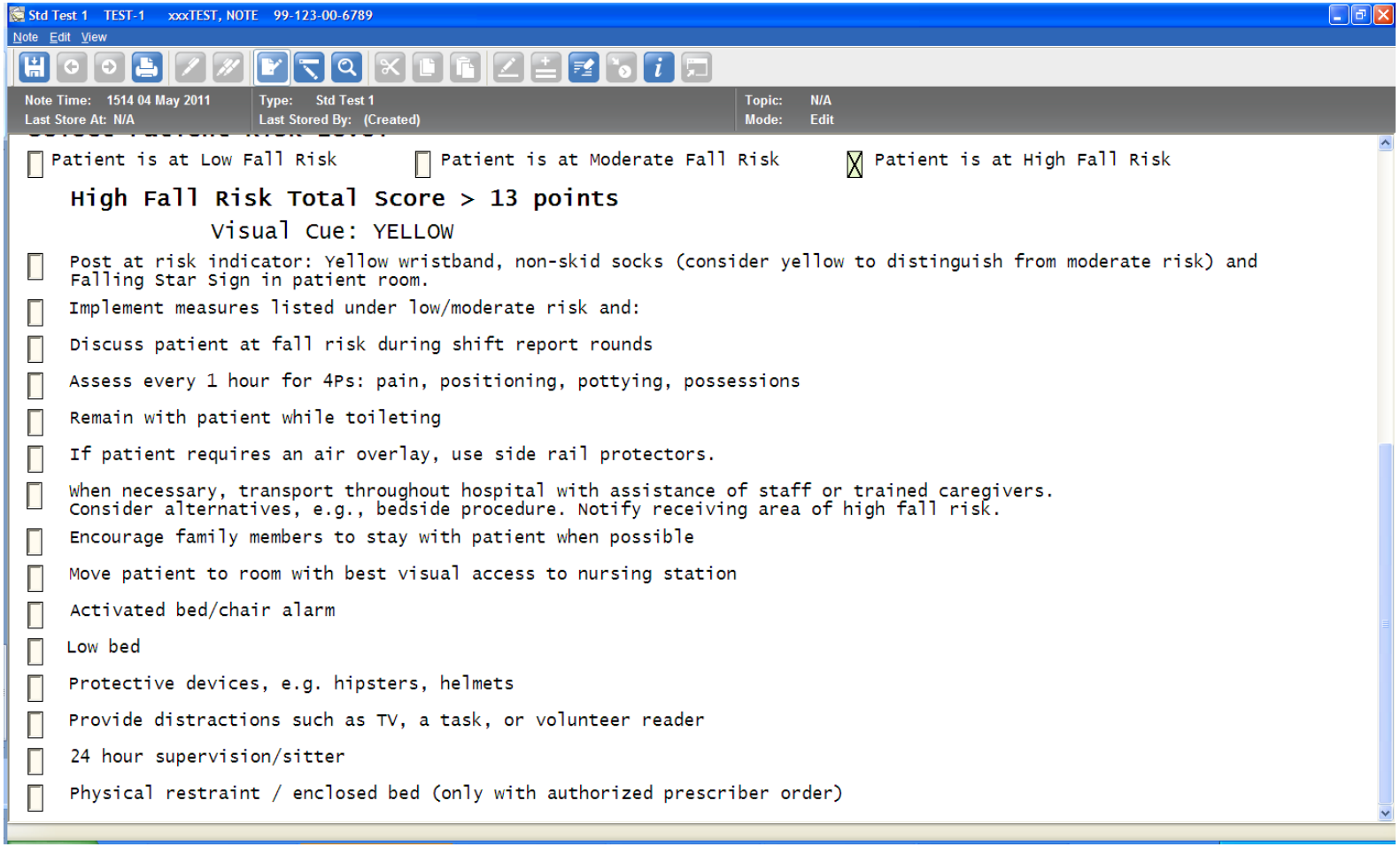

Nursing Fall Prevention CPG

- In collaboration with the Patient Touch System of Care, the clinical practice guideline on nursing care to support this initiative can be found at: https://www.qmo.amedd.army.mil/NurseCPG/NurseCPG.html
- Additional tools to support fall prevention can be accessed through Mosby's On-line.